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response (amending section 229 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (49 U.S.C. 31136 note);

(15) Section 4213, relating to the establishment of a working group for the development of practices and procedures to enhance Federal-State relations (49 U.S.C. 14710 note);

(16) Section 4214, relating to the establishment of a system for collecting consumer complaint information and issuing regulations related to reporting requirements under the system (49 U.S.C. 14701 note); and

(17) Section 4308, granting authority to adopt regulations to carry out SAFETEA-LU, Title IV, subtitle C (49 U.S.C. 13902 note).

§ 1.88 The Federal Railroad Administration.

Is responsible for:

(a) Regulating safety functions pertaining to railroads;

(b) Conducting research and development activity in support of safer and more efficient rail transportation;

(c) Investigating and issuing reports concerning collisions, derailments, and other railroad accidents resulting in serious injury to persons or to the property of a railroad;

(d) Developing safety strategies to combat the causes of collisions, derailments, and other railroad accidents, as well as to reduce overall risk in the Nation's rail systems;

(e) Promoting and strengthening the national rail system, including freight rail and high speed and higher performing intercity passenger rail.

(f) Providing financial assistance, including grants, loans and loan guarantees, for rail freight and intermodal development, as well as high-speed and intercity passenger rail development;

(g) Maximizing the positive impacts on the U.S. economy by encouraging domestic manufacturing on rail projects through the enforcement of Buy America provisions; and

(h) Strengthening local communities by supporting station-area development and strong connections among rail passenger service, intercity bus, local transit, bicycle/pedestrian, and airport facilities.

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§ 1.89 Delegations to the Federal Railroad Administrator.

The Federal Railroad Administrator is delegated authority to:

(a) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. Subtitle V, Part A (Safety, chapter 201 *et seq.*), Part B (Assistance, chapter 221 *et seq.*), Part C (Passenger Transportation, chapter 241 *et seq.*), Part D (High Speed Rail, chapter 261), and section 28101 of Part E, relating to the law enforcement authority of railroad police officers; except 49 U.S.C. 20134 with respect to highway, traffic, and motor vehicle safety and highway construction.

(b) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-432, Div. A, 122 Stat. 4848).

(c) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-432, Div. B, 122 Stat. 4907), except Title VI (122 Stat. 4968) as it relates to capital and preventive maintenance projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

(d) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 33 U.S.C. 535c, as it relates to railroad bridges not over navigable waterways.

(e) Exercise the administrative powers vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. Subtitle I, Chapter 5 (section 501 *et seq.*) pertaining to railroad safety and 49 U.S.C. 103 (Federal Railway Administration).

(f) Promote and undertake research and development relating to rail matters generally (49 U.S.C. Chapter 3 (section 301 *et seq.*) and 49 U.S.C. 102).

(g) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 45 U.S.C. Ch. 15 (Section 601 *et seq.*) with respect to emergency rail services, except the authority to make findings required by 45 U.S.C. 662(a) and the authority to sign guarantees of certificates issued by trustees.

(h) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 45 U.S.C. chapter 17 (section 801 *et seq.*) with respect to railroad revitalization and regulatory reform and the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program.